Production Transcript for 25INTCUTKF - PGA TOUR Q-SCHOOL

[00:00:21.459]>>Middle of December here in Florida, PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry. Couple of great days ahead, a couple of golf courses and 5 PGA TOUR cards up for grabs for so many of the players with dreams left here in 2025. I mean, the weather just perfect right now in the Ponte Vedra Beach area as we get set for 36 holes remaining, really on the season when you think about it, 64 degrees, winds down.

[00:00:50.090]>>Got Dye's Valley and Sawgrass Country Club, a part of PGA TOUR Q-School once again, and 5 cards, and that is it here in 2025. No ties, meaning we could have a playoff come Sunday evening for full PGA TOUR status in 2026.

[00:01:10.510]>>Shane Bacon alongside James Nittis, Amelia Durant down on the golf course following our final grouping today. Brentley Romine gonna be with us this week bringing interviews and nuggets of info and everything.

[00:01:23.519]>>And some of these players you might not know a ton about, and some you may have heard of, and as I mentioned, James, 5 cards this season, no ties. That's gonna create some entertainment come the final round, no ties, top 5, of course, the next 40 end ties will get a 2026 Grand Prix Tour card.

[00:01:41.305]>>And the remaining players will get conditional status on the Korn Ferry Tour. You want a playoff? You want a playoff Sunday night? I do. They don't go. They do not want one. It's gonna be on the 18th, by the way, at Dye's Valley. This just earlier today, final grouping. We had 5 players at 7 under par through 36 holes. AJ Ewart.

[00:01:59.279]>>The Canadian rolls this in at the 5th, having himself a great week. He moves to 9 under par with that birdie, ties him atop the leaderboard, playing alongside John Pak and Trevor Cone. Cone at the 5th as well, a player with a ton of PGA TOUR experience, and he follows him in for birdie, a couple of great birdies there at the 5th.

[00:02:21.539]>>That crew over at Sawgrass Country Club, and you see right there the board, some players maybe you expect to see here on the top of the board and some you may have not heard much about Alejandro Tosti.

[00:02:33.259]>>Doing great stuff once again in Q-School.

[00:02:38.020]>>Brough to the 7th, Marcelo Rozo.

[00:02:41.789]>>Monochromatic on this Saturday.

[00:02:44.710]>>Left hole location.

[00:02:47.050]>>Rozo made a push at the end of this year, on the Korn Ferry Tour.

[00:02:58.210]>>Beautiful shot. The 36 year old from Colombia, seen him bounce around in his professional career.

[00:03:07.250]>>When you look at the field, we've got 176 players that started the week, had a couple of drop outs, 15 winners on the PGA TOUR. 5 players, I mean, this is crazy, James, when you think about advancing from pre-qualifying, 4 stages, and, you know, there's a lot of players that play in Q-School that are very, very good indeed, you have to put up a lot of money just to have the opportunity to play, so the fact that 5 guys have gone the whole entire way, they would be so happy indeed to be here at final stage.

[00:03:37.190]>>Now Rozo, opportunity to tie for the lead.

[00:03:41.380]>>Shouldn't be much to this.

[00:03:44.300]>>Oh, he gets it to sneak in that left side.

[00:03:49.240]>>So, as we've mentioned a couple of times already, potential for a playoff. This is a guy that understands the pressures of Q-School, Toasti rolling that in.

[00:03:57.979]>>One of those personalities in professional golf, I think we we we've asked for a little bit more.

[00:04:05.639]>>Adam Svensson.

[00:04:07.470]>>But look here at 9.

[00:04:12.720]>>Come on now, come on now, oh yeah, yes, sir, Svensson.

[00:04:20.440]>>Rare birdie at 9.

[00:04:22.959]>>3 birdies in his last 4 holes.

[00:04:28.250]>>Dossey, is at 11 for the big bird.

[00:04:33.160]>>Tight hole location on that left side, I mean OB comes into play for some of these approach shots, no issues there for Dossey rolls it in, hits him within 2 of the last couple of seasons on the Korn Ferry Tour, he's been that cusp guy of getting full status just on the Korn Ferry Tour, now he finds himself with a chance to take the direct route straight to the PGA TOUR, just the 2nd eagle of the day at 11.

[00:04:54.679]>>Now Svensson.

[00:05:01.010]>>Svensson does have a PGA TOUR victory. That's a great shot right there.

[00:05:06.420]>>Few years back and beautiful swing here, controlled that spin nicely, give himself a straight uphill putt for his birdie.

[00:05:15.820]>> Svensson.

[00:05:17.500]>>Try to pay this off. Lost some weight, hadn't he? Svensson. Those are the only, maybe the only two SV words in the world, right? Svensson sinks.

[00:05:34.200]>>Just

[00:05:35.339]>>Beautiful execution from Fairway to Green there.

[00:05:38.940]>>Sneaks it in that left side, now one back from Tosti.

[00:05:45.049]>>PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry, Tosti atop the board. I'll tell you this, if you're a golf sicko, how about that board? Spencer Levine and Alejandro Tosti potentially.

[00:05:54.630]>>In the final grouping come tomorrow, Clean cut of 5 cards right right now, yeah. Frankie Capan the 3rd right there at 800 par.

[00:06:05.100]>>How about that guy? Yeah, it's Eric. Oh my goodness, it's beautiful.

[00:06:10.609]>>All the eagle hanging out on a Saturday here in Florida. Majestic, majestic, they say.

[00:06:17.450]>>I heard 11. Rozo with his 3rd, trying to get this up-and-down for birdie.

[00:06:27.059]>>Really good work there from the front of the green.

[00:06:29.769]>>It's

[00:06:31.529]>>Almost as difficult as landing it on my rental car this week and keeping it below the hole, having a chance. James and Nitties picked the smallest rental car in rental rental car history this week, voluntarily picking a vehicle that you cannot put golf clubs in. Just call me Jim Diesel this week.

[00:06:47.880]>>OG of, it's a golf cart. I mean, you're driving around in a golf cart.

[00:06:52.450]>>You picked it, you're jealous. Yeah, I kind of AM.

[00:06:59.200]>>Rozo now for Birdie.

[00:07:01.529]>>Yet within one

[00:07:09.230]>>And walks it in.

[00:07:13.250]>>Excellent here at 11.

[00:07:17.500]>>Kota Kaneko.

[00:07:26.640]>>OK.

[00:07:29.140]>>Gets one to go

[00:07:37.630]>>We've seen some great play as of late. None better all week than what we saw from Spencer Levine, 63 today, red hot start. He is right there near the top of the board.

[00:07:49.809]>>Couple of golf courses, whole bunch of names in the field this week.

[00:07:54.049]>>And of course, the number is 5 here in 2025. That's the amount of cards that'll be handed out come Sunday evening, and that is it, potential for a playoff.

[00:08:05.010]>>To get a PGA TOUR card for 2026, a lot of stress on the line, as it always seems to be. When you get to December in Q-School, the weather has been ideal in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Winds down, sun is atop both these golf courses, and we've seen some great play in and around both Dye's Valley and Sawgrass Country Club.

[00:08:28.140]>>All week long, Shane Bacon alongside James Nitties, Amelia Duran down on the golf course, Brentley Romine, bringing us nuggets and info and interviews all weekend long.

[00:08:39.348]>>And James, you talk about what is at stake for these players, we've mentioned it so much already on this Saturday, only 5 cards. Yeah, the, the huge change, Shane, is there's no ties, 5 PGA TOUR cards are available.

[00:08:53.030]>>And then the next 40 and ties after that, ties for the next 40, not for the top five PGA TOUR cards, will get you Korn Ferry Tour access for 2026, so a lot on offer, and it is already spicy here at the top of the leaderboard in round three, Shane. Yeah, look at the board, I mean, you're seeing some great plays. Spencer Levine, the 41-year-old, a 63 today, got off to such a great start, Cooper Dossey right there.

[00:09:21.640]>>Rozo now at 15.

[00:09:28.359]>>Ah, good line, good roll. How about it? Ros rolling, scrambling here on the back nine.

[00:09:38.330]>>Let's go to 16 in Rozo.

[00:09:43.500]>>This, it's aggressive off the tee, perfect position here.

[00:09:49.320]>>Aggressive 2nd on that right side, taking it straight over the flag.

[00:09:55.799]>>Now Pak.

[00:10:03.520]>>That's really cool, that is really cool. How about that? It's just not that easy, James. Cannot stress how tricky and difficult that shot was to make. Yeah, maybe to get it inside 5 ft, and his dad just went crazy in the background in the crowd, that was a great shot.

[00:10:23.479]>>Rozo over the top of the flagstick here at 16, this one's pretty quick, well judged, really well judged. How about another mate? Two in a row from distance from Rozo. That's about 65 ft of putts made in the last two holes.

[00:10:38.619]>>17 Adam Svensson.

[00:10:41.340]>>The player that spent his collegiate days at Bay University.

[00:10:45.489]>>Right over the top of it, Svensson and I have a shorty for birdie.

[00:10:51.799]>>Adam Svensson

[00:10:53.719]>>And they're tied at 17, I need to start making a move.

[00:10:59.950]>>And that'll help to birdie.

[00:11:11.960]>>Pretty good.

[00:11:15.330]>>Rozo's playing excellent golf, especially on this back nine. Made a couple of lengthy putts, gonna have a shorty here at 17, so that's for 3 in a row.

[00:11:27.169]>>Camilo Villegas

[00:11:32.559]>>43-year-old loving this one, as he should, and they're tied as well. 5 times a winner on the PGA TOUR and he'll still have an opportunity tomorrow.

[00:11:41.919]>>It's just all about finishing well here, putting yourself in position to then go out and shoot a low one and sneak into the top 5.

[00:11:50.700]>>Go back to 16. 110 yards for Ewart. Want to stay aggressive to this right hole location because there's a bowl on that left side. You don't want to catch that. Gotta give yourself a birdie opportunity. This is gettable.

[00:12:04.979]>>OK, you're gonna get away with it, did not like the strike, but it's gonna work out.

[00:12:10.119]>>I don't think uh aggressive is a word that we need to make it learn, because he hasn't shied away from any single shot, he hates that one. He's gonna love the result when he gets up there. I was gonna say hole in the wrists.

[00:12:28.780]>>Rozo now at 17, that's 3 birdies in a row. Marcello now tied for the lead 11 under par.

[00:12:37.369]>>Villegas up at 17, saw him miss a shorty at 11, he's trying to fight his way back into this after struggling on that opening 9 holes, good birdie here.

[00:12:48.669]>>Closing out in style, I'm not sure Camilo's never not done something in style in his life. He's only 3 shots out of that top 5 too, Shane, and really changed everything with this back nine.

[00:13:00.890]>>I saw him yesterday, he said, these, these golf courses allow an opportunity to make a run. That's what he told us. He did it yesterday, doing it today, and now Ewart, who hated that approach, needs this to go.

[00:13:16.059]>>This will break a little to the right.

[00:13:22.140]>>Never missing after that approach, one arm, hated it, disgusted, pick it up.

[00:13:31.760]>>Now you are

[00:13:33.260]>>124 yards for Ewart. There's a little slope on the right side of the flag you can use to work it towards the hole.

[00:13:44.969]>>That one

[00:13:46.489]>>That's the one.

[00:13:50.429]>>Let's go to 18.

[00:13:52.320]>>Rozo.

[00:13:53.820]>>It's his 3rd

[00:13:55.780]>>Call it a par 45, he's recovered well today. Can he do it again here at the final hole?

[00:14:05.799]>>Safe.

[00:14:09.239]>>Now you were trying to go back-to-back.

[00:14:15.770]>>Well, there's not a lot of brake on this. We'll just turn a little left.

[00:14:23.210]>>Kid's been impressive today.

[00:14:26.989]>>Unfamiliar waters in this grouping in this position.

[00:14:31.330]>>Been aggressive, has stayed patient through the middle of that round, finding form late, back-to-back birds.

[00:14:43.760]>>Let's go to 18.

[00:14:47.030]>>Also

[00:14:48.619]>>Camilo's 3rd

[00:14:50.890]>>To the par 4.

[00:14:53.400]>>Oh, brilliant.

[00:14:55.440]>>What a shot, especially after this back nine, how he's turned it around after a horrid start. That's gonna feel like a birdie if he can get that. Oh, James Nitties, what is that? Got another one for us?

[00:15:15.630]>>Rozo now at 18, I mean, he's made a lot of these on this back nine.

[00:15:21.590]>>We saw

[00:15:23.530]>>Yeah, from Cole Sherwood that.

[00:15:25.919]>>Quite an easy putt to read, it's all about the speed, get it there.

[00:15:33.000]>>Another one. How about these putts on the back nine? Wow, Marcello's been red hot with the putter 65.

[00:15:41.520]>>That is how you close out a round. Shane, that is over 110 ft of putts made in just the last 4 holes. Shot 64 at dives a day ago, did Rozo, gonna have some good vibes as he gets sets for Sunday, but Villegas now.

[00:15:57.260]>>Trying to save his par, slightly easier putt.

[00:16:02.390]>>I'll tell you this, hung in there, didn't he? He's 43, you said it earlier, James, didn't look back, he's looking forward. Nothing he's done in the past matters this week, he's trying to go out there and fire something dirty tomorrow. If Shane gives himself an opportunity considering he was at only at 2 under par through 9 holes today, so fought back, and he's just a low one away from getting his PGA TOUR card back.

[00:16:26.099]>>So there you have it, and you said it. I mean this would be 5 for 5 come tomorrow. That's not going to be the case, of course. Things will move and shake as they did today.

[00:16:35.909]>>Svensson with that 63 today moving up the board, gonna have an opportunity tomorrow. Matt Atkins right there after a slow start on Thursday.

[00:16:43.789]>>Adam Svensson, a ton of professional experience, he's right there at 8 under par. Chan Kim trying to find form late in his 2025. Right now it's 2 players at 11 and 3 at 10 under par.

[00:17:01.570]>>It is a Sunday in beautiful Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry, get you set for some of the most stressful golf all season long. Over the next 4 hours. You got 5, exactly 5 PGA TOUR cards up for grabs, a lot of reshuffling for these players as they get set for 18 holes, and for some, a first PGA TOUR card on the lines. That's the thing you dream about when you're a kid, the thing you dream about when you turn professional.

[00:17:28.890]>>And starting this week hoping to be near the top of this board, will we have a playoff later today for a PGA TOUR card? I'd say likely. Shane Bacon alongside James Nitties, Amelia Duran down on the ground following our final grouping today. Brentley Romine a part of the coverage as well, interviewing those close and those that will land a PGA TOUR card. And James, as we take a look at what is on the line come Sunday.

[00:17:52.849]>>5 cards, no ties, the drama is going to be intense with that wrinkle right there. Every other year, you'd always have that opportunity. And then you've got guys fighting just to get onto the Korn Ferry Tour next year, top 40 and ties after those 5 will get status at the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour season. Take you through some of the highlights earlier today, Ben Kohles tied for lead through 3 rounds, this at 4.

[00:18:16.280]>>And these will keep you up at night, keep you up all December if you miss out on a card. I mean that is a dimple away for Kohles. He would make par at the 4th, hanging around near the top of the board, struggling in this final round, 1 over par. Yeah, you're gonna look at it, it ain't gonna fall. Then Silverman at 7, this is a guy that's played the PGA TOUR the last couple seasons. This is a great role for Silverman, makes the birdie, gets him to 11 under par.

[00:18:41.459]>>Kota Kaneko, the Japanese sensation, 23-year-old Order of Merit winner a year ago, and this at 7. We've seen some pitchings already this week, none better than that one right there. That gets him to 12 under par, atop the board.

[00:18:57.670]>>Kaneko won twice this past season on the Japan Golf Tour and Dylan Wu at 8. This gets him to 12 under par, and honestly, James, you sit around and you think about.

[00:19:08.130]>>What has to happen on a Sunday, a lot of nerves, a lot of stress, you gotta continue to move up the board. I mean, if you stay stagnant, you're gonna get passed by a lot of players we've seen some great play today. It's an uncomfortable course to have the wind pick up like it is in this final round, especially when the last 3 days have been perfect conditions. So there is a score to be shot out there, but also with the nerves floating around, you can make big numbers with.

[00:19:28.989]>>Breeze. So lots to unfold here in the final round, Shane. You see Thomas Rosenmueller making a move today, 6 under par and an eagle at the first as he got set to make the turn. You can make 23 birdies in a row, and as we've said, with the winds expected later today, you're gonna be kind of holding onto the steering wheel down the stretch here at Dye's Valley. A lot of water over the last 34 holes, James.

[00:19:51.900]>>Go up to 9

[00:19:53.579]>>Solo leader now.

[00:19:56.260]>>Kota.

[00:20:01.689]>>Mentioned he got a little bit of experience on the PGA TOUR earlier this year. Kota played at the Bay Current Classic, PGA TOUR debut there, finished in a tie for 33rd.

[00:20:13.109]>>Now Kohle's.

[00:20:21.939]>>Yeah, beautiful there. Just a, a diabolical pin if you're gonna try and get close to this green.

[00:20:32.430]>>Polls now

[00:20:34.680]>>Within one.

[00:20:40.939]>>This should go a little right at the end. No matter what you say to yourself, you can't help but let the outcome of getting a PGA TOUR card consume your mind. Just got to find a way to be reactive over the shot and stay present.

[00:20:55.569]>>Yeah, that's very nice, good birdie there. Yeah well said by Amelia too, it's, it's one of those days and it's easier said than done because all these guys are feeling the nerves.

[00:21:06.949]>>Kaneko difficult to win here at the 9th.

[00:21:10.969]>>Up the hill.

[00:21:13.939]>>Easy now. Oh.

[00:21:20.260]>>My jacket.

[00:21:21.800]>>Uh, it's good. I'm gonna check it. Yeah.

[00:21:26.130]>>The nervy ones you don't want, speaking of those, Kota at the 9th to save his par, if this drops, we'll have 5 at 11 under, just like that we do. Couple bogeys now we've seen from players with 3 putts. The greens are, are getting quite crispy, Shane, I love it, especially with the added breeze that's picking up, upwards of 30 miles an hour gusts.

[00:21:47.479]>>Back here with Ben Kohles and we got the last thing you wanna see on a final round of Q-School rules situation. Ben Kohles' ball apparently moved.

[00:21:56.459]>>Go to listen in, Shane, I was so surprised to see Kohle around the golf ball. Yeah, I'm gonna go back and look at it one more time. I mean, if they can see, yeah, I mean, pretty clear to me the first time I saw it. Yeah, I mean, look at what happened moving some stuff around the ball. Oh boy, can't do that. Oh man, yeah, it's, it's gonna be a penalty, but we got a great look at it. I mean, close up look at it just to your point, pull the.

[00:22:21.510]>>Stick out that's about 1 inch away. All moved final stage stressful enough. James, where's your head at right now? It is spinning right now. You, you feel numb when this happens. It's, it's almost you, you nearly auto start thinking about, is this not my day? Well, the problem is now you still have the same hard shot and you're probably doing the same thing, which is just punch out to begin with. That looks like what Bulls is doing. Extremely unfortunate. Great, thank you.

[00:22:47.209]>>I just, I, it's like you said, it's a crapshoot just because of this rise right here, if you know what I mean.

[00:22:53.939]>>Get it back the way.

[00:23:10.729]>>Um

[00:23:13.839]>>And the reason he was trying to move as much stuff in front of the ball was because of that window that he had directly in front of him.

[00:23:22.790]>>So it was a 1 shot penalty. So this is the 4th shot now for Ben Kohles currently tied for the lead. I mean, you talk about this bunched board. You have 4 players currently at 10 under, and you've got a host of players at 9 under. You're potentially bringing double bogey into play. I mean, if you're a player that sees this flip on the board, it gives you hope.

[00:23:42.550]>>All right, yep, where do we want it? Just a little left of it. Perfect, commit to it, Bob.

[00:23:54.479]>>Every great shot feels one step closer to achieving your dream, but every bad shot feels like you're going three steps back and it's just finding a way to remove that negative momentum out, which is almost impossible to do in a situation like this. Kohles has been hitting some great iron shots today. He needs to rely on that. That's from 186.

[00:24:18.229]>>And he's headed right as well.

[00:24:20.810]>>Oh, but that doesn't plug, now we're looking at it, like you said, chain, an up-and-down for a double bogey.

[00:24:30.380]>>Vinson to get to 11.

[00:24:32.660]>>There we go, good roll there. Massive putt, drips it straight in the middle. Experience of Svensson, won on the PGA 2 or 3 years ago.

[00:24:44.770]>>So Cole's trying to get this up and in for double bogey.

[00:24:48.719]>>He needs to try and generate a lot of spin. You can see he's widened his stance, club face wide open, trying to hit this just on the fringe or on the green.

[00:25:01.890]>>Well done, buddy. Oh, what a shot.

[00:25:05.750]>>We'll go to 9. You were pushing it up there with the driver, but an awkward angle.

[00:25:11.170]>>All sitting down slightly.

[00:25:14.280]>>judging the distance.

[00:25:17.849]>>OK, that's fine, it was erring against that flyer, but that is not an easy putt.

[00:25:23.849]>>Go to Kaneko at 10.

[00:25:28.270]>>Perfect drive here.

[00:25:31.119]>>Pole location way in the back.

[00:25:35.300]>>Falls for his double, OK, and this is where it gets to a point that the caddie has to step in and be like, OK, I know we just made double, but start of the week, if you were within 2 shots of a PGA TOUR card, that's just where we have to start from now.

[00:25:51.219]>>Go to 10, Kota.

[00:25:54.209]>>Just awkward.

[00:25:57.680]>>That is well done, just picking it clean. See that? just it it's just like no spin, just why worry about the, the rough there, if you could just take it right off the top of it.

[00:26:08.290]>>You were up the hill at 9, mentioned, uh, Barry University, named after Mother Mary Gerald Barry, the first president of Barry College. OK, there you go. We see another putt from that lower level causing players trouble.

[00:26:23.329]>>Backer at 9, AJ Ewart trying to save his par.

[00:26:29.050]>>We've seen no putts made on this top shelf. It's the 3rd 3 putt we have seen in as many groups, and no one's even, anyone that's had a birdie opportunity from up up there hasn't got one to go, so a very awkward read for all these guys, just what you'd need in the final round of Q-School.

[00:26:46.880]>>Back at 10

[00:26:48.859]>>Kota

[00:26:50.569]>>And he drops a shot, so players starting to blink.

[00:26:55.130]>>That's a huge bogey, middle of the fairway, doesn't go close to hitting the green and the guy that's usually very good from around the greens.

[00:27:04.170]>>Go to 10, have not checked in on Alejandro Tosti yet, hanging around a 90 par.

[00:27:12.040]>>Great round going a day ago, bogeyed the last, shot 65 at the country club, here we go. The Tosti man, Tosti got his PGA TOUR card back here last year. It's a 66 on the final round here at Dye's Valley to get that card, so it feels comfortable.

[00:27:30.439]>>And Amelia, this is most likely a layup, even 3's 3rd to this par 4. Yeah, you're just trying to find the widest part in the fairway and then rely on your wedge game. A player once told me that she doesn't rely on momentum, and the reason is exactly for what's happened to Ben Kohles in these last 2 holes after birdieing the 7th, making a double bogey on the 8th, and now facing challenges on the 9th.

[00:27:54.609]>>Momentum is a, a strange word in golf, yes it's,

[00:27:59.060]>>I feel like it, it's more evident in team sports, that it can just so quickly turn the other way, in a, in a lonesome sport like golf.

[00:28:08.079]>>I agree with you

[00:28:09.560]>>And we got 9 more holes of this James. You think about the potential for brilliance and disaster. That's what Q-School is all about. We'll go back to 9.

[00:28:25.380]>>107 yards for Ben Kohles. Cooper Dossey tried to draw it against this left to right wind and missed it on the left side. That's a difficulty when you try and get aggressive with these tucked hole locations. The wind has just died a bit for Kohles.

[00:28:46.969]>>Really good shot.

[00:28:50.109]>>Put a 10, Tosti with a great look, is to get potentially in that number that is in a playoff currently for a PGA TOUR card and the fist pump says it all. Here we go, I scared to show a little bit of emotion, good birdie for Tosti now, just 1 up the lead.

[00:29:07.290]>>I mean, look at the board right now, look at how many players are at 10 under par when you start to think about a playoff potentially later today.

[00:29:16.069]>>And that would be 7 for 3 playoff.

[00:29:26.979]>>The leader boards are everywhere. There's one right behind this 9th green. You can't help but drift your eyes that way. Not a lot of break for Kohles. Well, Ben Kohles leaking oil after birdieing the 7th, he's just gone double, double.

[00:29:43.030]>>Aggressive tee shot here at 10. You were massive tee shot.

[00:29:47.339]>>Not too bad, it catches the grin a little bit, maybe spins a little bit more back, but as we see with him day in day out, straight at it, flag seeking.

[00:29:56.060]>>Back at 10, you worked just off the back.

[00:30:01.890]>>Actually not a bad place to putt from here. There we go. Bird in the 1st hole, birdie in the 10th hole, gets into 11 under.

[00:30:15.300]>>Svensson with another birdie. How about the run he's been on every other hole he's making birdie. Svensson now at 12 under.

[00:30:24.130]>>Svensson

[00:30:26.270]>>Another 3 putt, we are seeing 3 putts everywhere, everywhere right now, and Svensson's just thinking, how much can I separate from that top 5 number, and when you think about that, you find yourself hovering around it for the entire round, and that is out of the blue when it comes to how good he has played this final round. Yeah.

[00:30:46.010]>>Go to 17, Camilo Villegas, he's 3 under par.

[00:30:52.719]>>Long par 4, 17, can he find a way to make a couple of birdies and post, and what a shot.

[00:31:00.560]>>How about Camilo?

[00:31:02.650]>>Four in a row now, man, it's not done yet. 1 outside of the number right now for Camilo Villegas, the 43-year-old. He's got 5 wins on the PGA TOUR, but he said it this week, none of that matters. It's all about these 4 days.

[00:31:19.099]>>Back with Ben Silverman on the tee here at 14.

[00:31:32.089]>>OK.

[00:31:35.260]>>Let's go to Silverman at 14.

[00:31:39.479]>>Good looking, good looking. There we go, huge. You see the fist pump there, he knows how big that is. He joins the lead.

[00:31:50.089]>>Right now, 5 players at 11 under par. If it ended right now, we would have no playoffs. We'd give out 5 cards clean as Mr. Nittie's haircut, but that's not how it's gonna roll out. Got a lot more movement up ahead.

[00:32:11.069]>>Q-School, it's where we're at, it's what it's about, it's stressful, it's intense, and James, it's a place that the players don't necessarily want to be, but they're at, and they have opportunity to do something special, especially the back nine on a very important day in all these guys' lives. You never forget it, Shane, I still don't, and it's gonna be exciting coming down the stretch. It'll be a dream for 5 players, a nightmare for so many others.

[00:32:38.660]>>And this a massive putt for Camilo Villegas. How about this for 5 straight to close and Villegas could post 11 under. Oh no, man, the 43-year-old, most experienced of anybody in the field this week, 5 times a PGA TOUR winner, including one back in 2023, and that the opportunity that could potentially have got him into a playoff, now he's gonna have to wait around.

[00:33:07.599]>>Go back over to 18, Villegas is to close things out with a par.

[00:33:12.680]>>But he was hoping for one batter. Oh Shane, he would have known it too, looking up at the leaderboard right there off the side of the last screen, that that would've been to get into a tie for first. We haven't seen many players get beyond 11 under.

[00:33:28.189]>>Well, this is a man we followed the last couple of days, AJ Ewart, the 26 year old from Canada. He's played exactly one PGA TOUR event in his career.

[00:33:37.199]>>Has been steady the last couple of days.

[00:33:42.859]>>114 yards for a year it's off a tight lie.

[00:33:47.790]>>Shane, he's looked like a guy that's had more experience than we've seen, not, not being played on the Korn Ferry Tour or the PGA TOUR in his career. He has looked very nice over these last two days.

[00:34:00.000]>>AJ Ewart, now, a guy that played his collegiate golf at Barry University in Miami Shores, Florida, it's a guy that won 14 times in college, 7 times his junior year, nearly won on PGA TOUR America's earlier this season, and this is an excellent look to take the outright lead on the back nine on a Sunday at Q-School.

[00:34:21.959]>>There is not a lot of brick either inside the hole left.

[00:34:36.449]>>No doubt about it, you were big time birdie. He has impressed me so much, Shane.

[00:34:45.510]>>Back here at 14, AJ Ewart, outright leader, 181 yards for Ewart. This is a 6 iron.

[00:34:53.500]>>A really good looking line if it's the yardage.

[00:34:59.989]>>Oh my goodness, and nearly another 1.1 at the 5th hole here on Friday. It's the best we've seen all day at 14.

[00:35:10.870]>>You're still in Wu at 16, the par 5.

[00:35:15.469]>>Good line, good roll, there we go. Needed that one, big putt, gets him to 10 under par. Let's bunch it up, boys. Right now, Shane, there would be 7 guys in a playoff for 2 PGA TOUR cards. That is crazy.

[00:35:36.350]>>Go back to 14 and Ewart to extend the lead.

[00:35:41.750]>>Similar kind of putt for you were like on the last, not a lot of break right center, maybe right edge depending on the pace.

[00:35:52.560]>>How about it? How about it?

[00:35:55.159]>>You were doing what nobody else is willing to do, a couple in a row, 3 already on this back nine.

[00:36:06.879]>>Rozo back at 14.

[00:36:09.790]>>Just missed that shorty.

[00:36:12.219]>>Probably a pretty good looking hole location for him.

[00:36:17.300]>>Oh yes, rotated, used the wind, and that's 2 in a row, where he's had short range for birdie. Can you give that to go, Rozo? Tell you, he was having a lot of fun yesterday, wasn't he? He's talking about it after hot putter at the end of the round. Rozo in that final group, everybody else struggling there. He's hanging right around at 10 under par.

[00:36:39.290]>>Coming off that eagle, Dylan Wu.

[00:36:42.120]>>Got off to such a good start today. James was 5 under through 8 holes, dropped a few shots on his way in, but the eagle helping the cause, and that right over the top of it at 17, great, great effort, gonna have an opportunity for birdie.

[00:36:59.110]>>Bro, so.

[00:37:01.560]>>Paying that off at 14, beautiful too. Marcelo Rozo, fun player to watch, shows you when he's having a good time, typically he is when he's playing golf, making a move.

[00:37:15.260]>>Substantially if this misses, I mean, Wu's got 4 ft.

[00:37:20.729]>>OK, do it off the face. Good par save. Had that first putt. Happy to get that one in. One hole left to play. I thought that club was perfect, dude. Back to 15, middle of the fairway for Rozo.

[00:37:34.840]>>And he has hit a couple of darts the last two holes. See if he can do it again.

[00:37:41.260]>>The iron play in Fuego on this back nine, that is in there tight.

[00:37:47.860]>>Tosti just on the surface here at the par 5, trying to get this down in 2.

[00:37:55.409]>>Huge breaker from right to left, very quick, the last 15 ft.

[00:38:02.689]>>This is well read, well read, perfectly read.

[00:38:08.209]>>The big eagle from Tosti, he's a bright lights player. 30 at 10 to get things started, even the iron shot on the toughest par 3 out here at 11, missed a couple of short ones, but how about those last two holes?

[00:38:22.939]>>Back over to 15 Rozo for back-to-back birdies.

[00:38:27.959]>>Korn Ferry is such a great supporter of all these players trying to get to the PGA TOUR, 18, Dylan Wu.

[00:38:38.290]>>Into that top 5 and stay there.

[00:38:43.129]>>So now he must make here at 18. Dylan Wu gotta have this go, and I said 4 ft, this is on 6 ft.

[00:38:52.780]>>Big time save.

[00:38:57.550]>>As we go back to 16, this is a guy that is in this position for the first time, AJ Ewart, just from 81 yards, decided to lay up in a very smart decision that flags in bold can make burger all day from there.

[00:39:14.209]>>A lot of Canadians near the top of the board right now, Svensson.

[00:39:18.399]>>All pars through his 1st 6 holes, then really catching fire in the middle of this final round. Good tee shot and a good angle into this left hole location.

[00:39:28.159]>>Be careful with this shot, he's at 12 under, oh, that would have looked quite dangerous in the air.

[00:39:37.250]>>For Ben Silverman right now, a birdie would likely put him in at least a comfortable situation to be in a larger playoff. This is a guy that spent his last two seasons on the PGA TOUR, played well a few weeks ago in Utah.

[00:39:53.320]>>Aggressive move at it. Beautiful, really, really, really solid golf shot considering the circumstances. It'll be a tricky putt down the hill, but gives him an opportunity to close with a birdie.

[00:40:08.739]>>But a 16 Ewert after that lovely pitch shot.

[00:40:14.340]>>For Ewart's 4th birdie on the back nine.

[00:40:19.979]>>Just casual, casual golf.

[00:40:24.010]>>He is pouring those short putts in the middle. He's separated himself 3 shots from that number.

[00:40:31.530]>>Back here at 18, big putt here for Ben Silverman. I'm gonna go as far as saying this is to get a PGA TOUR card, Shane, and get this to go. A tough putt to be aggressive with. Just shows how big Dylan Wu's putt at 17 and 18 was now, both those guys tied at -11 in that tied at the 5th position.

[00:40:52.449]>>Silverman, yeah, he needs 2 putts, that is aggressive, my goodness, he just needed 2 putts and he basically locks things up.

[00:41:02.199]>>Back over to 18, Adam Svensson now, this basically to lock up a PGA TOUR cart if he can get it to go. There you go, you see the reaction. Oh boy, didn't want the 6 footer, but I got it to go, good round of golf.

[00:41:18.330]>>So Silverman now at the 18th, I mean, typically tap these in.

[00:41:23.729]>>Considering

[00:41:26.350]>>He said on the line, good 2 putt there, so Silverman can in the house at 11 under par, tied with Dylan Wu at 11 under right now, we would have a playoff.

[00:41:38.629]>>Go to the 18th. Alejandro Tosti just needing a par a location tucked left.

[00:41:45.840]>>Penalty area in play if you get cute.

[00:41:51.360]>>Easy, easy.

[00:41:56.760]>>How about it, aggressive again.

[00:41:58.989]>>I mean, I'm nervous here. AJ gets his PGA TOUR card and he's sweeping it in with that breeze, penalty area looming, trying to hit it in there to 10 ft now.

[00:42:11.620]>>Go to 18.

[00:42:13.500]>>Tosti just a couple of putts away, don't need anything more than 2. I know he loves making birdies, loves finishing things off.

[00:42:22.149]>>In style, but don't need to get aggressive here.

[00:42:26.120]>>Similar position to where Svensson was, and he rocketed his attempt,

[00:42:32.120]>>6 7 ft by.

[00:42:37.090]>>It's 1 ft circle, be ideal.

[00:42:46.770]>>OK, did just what he had to do. Good putt.

[00:42:50.199]>>The 2nd straight year, Tosti gonna get through Q-School.

[00:42:57.760]>>Now Tosti

[00:43:03.600]>>Should not be a problem here.

[00:43:06.760]>>What a final round it would be for him to regain his PGA TOUR card once again for 2026. Was well out of the number, made birdie at 15, Big eagle at the par 5, 16th, Alejandro Tosti, back to the big show. He's the one you like having out there.

[00:43:25.520]>>Back here with our leader one swing away.

[00:43:32.979]>>From 134 yards, it's got to be shorter right.

[00:43:37.449]>>Of course, straight at it.

[00:43:40.050]>>It's what he's done all week, cannot wait to see what he does on the PGA TOUR, a guy that's just come from PGA America's,

[00:43:48.909]>>AJ Ewart, a couple of putts away. 5 birdies and just 1 bogey in Ewart's round today. The ball striking has been superb under all the pressure after just playing 2 times on the PGA TOUR.

[00:44:03.750]>>Playing like someone who's had a lot of experience on the biggest stage, this putt uphill the entire way and going to want to move left.

[00:44:12.780]>>James, some guys can get it done and some just can't. AJ Ewert is the guy that has got it done his whole life, one of the more.

[00:44:20.969]>>Impressive careers in terms of Division 2 golf we have ever seen with the 14 wins at Bayar University. I mean,

[00:44:28.280]>>It seems like when it gets tough, he locks in. AJ you are gonna be very proud of the way he was able to fight all weekend long. He's still gonna cruise to victory here.

[00:44:41.959]>>Now Ewart has been rock solid from inside of 5 ft today, trying to end the week with one more really good stroke.

[00:45:02.389]>>There you have it, AJ Ewart, young man, head of the PGA TOUR, impressive, impressive weekend.

[00:45:09.449]>>His last group on the golf course, Rozo needs a par for a PGA TOUR card, has never had one in his career.

[00:45:21.010]>>OK.

[00:45:24.489]>>Whirling it

[00:45:26.889]>>Here we go. Release up there. Really good shot, Long way back, out of the rough, he was looking to leave it if he could from that 175 yards. Still a chance. No. Now the pressure on the shoulders of Marcelo Rozo trying to get this down in 2 for a PGA TOUR card has never had full status in his life.

[00:45:54.909]>>This is pretty well judged.

[00:45:57.489]>>What a time to hit one of your best putts of the day.

[00:46:02.629]>>Marcelo Rozo, the type of putt you dream of having for a PGA TOUR card just to lock it up.

[00:46:10.459]>>And there you see it, Rozo clutch a day ago with the putter, great two-putt here, and for the first time, a member of the PGA TOUR.

[00:46:21.840]>>A man, not even 2 years ago, didn't know if he was going to play the game again after having a very severe wrist surgery.

[00:46:31.989]>>The emotion, what a story. The man from Colombia.

[00:46:37.629]>>I'm.

[00:46:42.409]>>1

[00:46:43.770]>>To get back to the action in the playoffs, Dylan Wu.

[00:46:47.280]>>Looks like he'll be first to go.

[00:46:50.209]>>32 front 2 I have 143 for Dylan Wu in line with the flag. He has 6 paces to cover the bunker. I feel little bit if anything, just a touch off my right on the left side the same rights the same. Honestly, it's just like I'm gonna draw. I mean, when it's been hard with the cowboy, I just wanna draw a little bit just like.

[00:47:11.649]>>25 shot.

[00:47:13.389]>>Yeah, yeah, I like at the car we're the draw. I have to see that shot.

[00:47:23.830]>>A draw is the shot to hit to a left-hand hole location. It's hard to pull off with a tour card on the line. You want to try and finish this hole high, otherwise there's a slope that will take the ball to the back of the green.

[00:47:40.870]>>On a good line, really nice shot here from Wu. You've seen a lot of players, hit it wrong with this green, even him in regulation and to fit it in between that bunker and that hole location downwind, over to Ben Silverman now.

[00:47:57.419]>>142 for Silverman. He has a more direct line to this flag. Needs to be careful I'm not going past his flag because in line he is 4 paces behind.

[00:48:07.129]>>He got a great picture from Dylan Wu on exactly what to do. This wind is also out of the left, so difficult to get it close if you don't draw it.

[00:48:16.879]>>Somehow feel like you're the last to putt is the goal.

[00:48:25.250]>>Turn, Paul.

[00:48:29.000]>>Not his best.

[00:48:31.040]>>Advantage. Wu. Both these players plenty of experience on the PGA TOUR. Dylan Wu, 104 starts in his career on the PGA TOUR. Ben Silverman, 114. They've seen it all, understand the benefits of playing out on the PGA TOUR versus the C Korn Ferry Tour, and understand how tough it is to get out there as we continue to make it more difficult for players to earn those spots and those cards. Just 5 cards here at Q-School down from ties a year ago.

[00:49:00.000]>>So not only is Ben Silverman gonna be first to go, Amelia, he's gonna give Dylan Wu a little bit of a teach.

[00:49:06.300]>>Sure is. Silverman has to give this a chance. If this doesn't go in, it needs to be 1.5 ft by the hole. This is a tricky putt to read. It stays straight for a long time and then it's going to want to feed to the right. That's where the grain is going.

[00:49:19.600]>>Silverman hold a big putt at 14, lone birdie on his back nine today from about 25 ft. The only putt he really can lean on over the last 3 hours or so.

[00:49:31.739]>>The wind has just started to pick up, making this putt for Silverman even more difficult.

[00:49:36.860]>>Yeah, this is the putt that Rozo had. He had it right online. All the difficult reeds have been behind this whole location, it's just all about speed with that wind direction.

[00:49:54.580]>>Good looking putt, good looking putt, just over the right edge. Man, that was a 1 millimeter away. Do you think Dylan Wu's heart was in his mouth right there? Trying to get a bit of a read on that and seeing that it was on a perfect line.

[00:50:10.350]>>Now for Dylan Wu, Amelia, an opportunity, a good look here at 18. I've not seen a lot of birdies to this difficult hole location today. It's challenging to be below the hole on 18 and give yourself an uphill putt because this hole plays downwind. Wu got an excellent read from Ben Silverman at what this putt does and also a great look at the speed.

[00:50:33.879]>>No guarantees for 2026 for Dylan Wu.

[00:50:37.679]>>You make it, your year changes.

[00:50:46.780]>>Come on, there we go, what a birdie.

[00:50:50.959]>>Playoff for a PGA TOUR card and a 3 from Dylan Wu.

[00:50:58.969]>>Book that Hawaii flight, young man.

[00:51:02.969]>>Silverman was walking as soon as he hit it. He knew it was in.

[00:51:09.100]>>How good was that?

[00:51:19.020]>>Brother on the bag, I mean they almost look like they're in disbelief, Jas, I'm like oh my one hole is all it took. Incredible stuff, especially you go back to regulation, the eagle he made at 16.

[00:51:33.179]>>Wu. Let's have a look at it again. As soon as he hit it right here, look at Silverman changing his direction, knew it was in. Love the emotion. The action, the yell, and the card for Dylan Wu.

[00:51:46.969]>>a lot of fun. Weather was perfect. Winds picked up in the afternoon on a Sunday, and with the changes to Q-School, we got a little extra drama in the middle of December. Now our eyes turn to 2026 and what that year will look like both on the PGA.

[00:52:03.135]>>Tour and the Korn Ferry Tour. A lot of players happy with the week. A lot of players look at the week as lost opportunity, but for the five that got their PGA TOUR cards, 2026 gonna feel and look a little different. Happy holidays to everybody. Fun week here at Q-School.